

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

United States of America <div style="text-align: center;">v.</div> PABLO MENDOZA	Plaintiff(s) Defendant(s)	CASE NUMBER <div style="font-size: 1.5em; font-weight: bold; text-align: center;">ED CR CR13-0080₁</div> <div style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; margin-top: 10px;">WARRANT FOR ARREST UNDER SEAL</div>
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TO: UNITED STATES MARSHAL AND ANY AUTHORIZED UNITED STATES OFFICER


YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to arrest PABLO MENDOZA

and bring him/her forthwith to the nearest Magistrate Judge to answer a(n): ☐ Complaint ☒ Indictment
☐ Information ☐ Order of Court ☐ Probation Violation Petition ☐ Violation Notice
 charging him/her with: (ENTER DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE BELOW)

**Conspiracy to Distribute, and Possess with Intent to Distribute, Cocaine and
Methamphetamine;
Distribution, and Possession with Intent to Distribute, Cocaine and Methamphetamine;
Aiding and Abetting**

in violation of Title 21:18: United States Code,

Section(s) 846:841(a)(1), 841 (b)(1)(B)(ii), 841(b)(1)(A)(viii):2(a):

Terry Nafisi <small>NAME OF ISSUING OFFICER</small> Clerk of Court <small>TITLE OF ISSUING OFFICER</small> <div style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;">EDUARDO RAMIREZ</div> <small>SIGNATURE OF DEPUTY CLERK</small>	<div style="text-align: center;">  </div> August 2, 2013 LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA <small>DATE AND LOCATION OF ISSUANCE</small> BY: <u>ALICIA G. ROSENBERG</u> <small>NAME OF JUDICIAL OFFICER</small>
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RETURN

THIS WARRANT WAS RECEIVED AND EXECUTED WITH THE ARREST OF THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT AT (LOCATION):

DATE RECEIVED _____

NAME OF ARRESTING OFFICER _____

DATE OF ARREST _____

TITLE _____

DESCRIPTIVE INFORMATION FOR DEFENDANT
CONTAINED ON PAGE TWO

SIGNATURE OF ARRESTING OFFICER _____

WARRANT FOR ARREST

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PABLO MENDOZA

Defendant(s)

**WARRANT FOR ARREST
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ADDITIONAL DEFENDANT INFORMATION

RACE:	SEX:	HEIGHT:	WEIGHT:	HAIR:	EYES:	OTHER:	
4-2-1970 DATE OF BIRTH: 1970		PLACE OF BIRTH:		SOCIAL SECURITY NO. 625-68-6679		DRIVER'S LICENSE NO.	ISSUING STATE
ALIASES:		SCARS, TATTOOS OR OTHER DISTINGUISHING MARKS:					
AUTO YEAR:	AUTO MAKE:	AUTO MODEL:		AUTO COLOR:		AUTO LICENSE NO.	ISSUING STATE
LAST KNOWN RESIDENCE:				LAST KNOWN EMPLOYMENT:			
FBI NUMBER:							
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:							

INVESTIGATIVE AGENCY NAME:

DEA

INVESTIGATIVE AGENCY ADDRESS:

NOTES:

WARRANT FOR ARREST

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CENTRAL DIST. OF CALIF.
LOS ANGELES

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

June 2013 Grand Jury

CR13-0080

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

PABLO MENDOZA,
MARIO RAUL MEDINA,
ARMANDO CRUZ-GONZALEZ,
ALVARO VALENCIA, and
FRANCISCO LARIOS SOTO,

Defendants.

ED CR No. _____

I N D I C T M E N T

[21 U.S.C. § 846: Conspiracy to Distribute, and Possess with Intent to Distribute, Cocaine and Methamphetamine; 21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1), 841(b)(1)(B)(ii), 841(b)(1)(A)(viii): Distribution, and Possession with Intent to Distribute, Cocaine and Methamphetamine; 18 U.S.C. § 2: Aiding and Abetting]

The Grand Jury charges:

COUNT ONE

[21 U.S.C. § 846]

A. OBJECTS OF THE CONSPIRACY

Beginning on an unknown date, and continuing to in or about November 2011, in San Bernardino County, within the Central District of California, and elsewhere, defendants PABLO MENDOZA ("MENDOZA"), MARIO RAUL MEDINA ("MEDINA"), ALVARO VALENCIA ("VALENCIA"), and FRANCISCO LARIOS SOTO ("SOTO"), and others known and unknown to the

1 Grand Jury, conspired and agreed with each other to knowingly and
2 intentionally (a) distribute, and (b) possess with intent to
3 distribute, at least 500 grams of a mixture and substance containing
4 a detectable amount of cocaine, a Schedule II narcotic drug
5 controlled substance, in violation of Title 21, United States Code,
6 Sections 841(a)(1) and 841(b)(1)(B)(ii).

7 B. MEANS BY WHICH THE OBJECTS OF THE CONSPIRACY WERE TO BE
8 ACCOMPLISHED

9 The objects of the conspiracy were to be accomplished in
10 substance as follows:

- 11 1. Defendant MENDOZA would broker the sale of cocaine to drug
12 customers and would broker the installation of hidden compartments
13 in those customers' vehicles to facilitate the transport of cocaine.
- 14 2. Defendant MEDINA would assist defendant MENDOZA in selling
15 cocaine to customers and in arranging for the installation of hidden
16 compartments in vehicles to facilitate the transport of cocaine.
- 17 3. Defendants VALENCIA and SOTO would transport and deliver
18 cocaine to defendant MENDOZA's customers.

19 C. OVERT ACTS

20 In furtherance of the conspiracy and to accomplish the objects
21 of the conspiracy, on or about the following dates, defendants
22 MENDOZA, MEDINA, VALENCIA, and SOTO, and others known and unknown to
23 the Grand Jury, committed various overt acts within the Central
24 District of California, and elsewhere, including but not limited to
25 the following:

- 26 1. On May 20, 2011, using coded language in a telephone
27 conversation, defendant MENDOZA discussed the installation of a
28 hidden vehicle compartment, which would be used to conceal

1 narcotics, with a person who, unbeknownst to defendant MENDOZA at
2 the time, was an informant working on behalf of law enforcement
3 ("CI").

4 2. On May 24, 2011, using coded language in a telephone
5 conversation, defendant MENDOZA told the CI that he had two
6 mechanics available who would be able to install a hidden vehicle
7 compartment for the CI.

8 3. On June 20, 2011, at a meeting at an auto repair shop
9 known as Medina's Auto Body Shop in Ontario, California ("Medina's
10 Auto Body"), defendant MENDOZA agreed to install a hidden
11 compartment in a Jeep Cherokee (the "Jeep") that the CI brought to
12 defendant MENDOZA, and defendant MENDOZA asked the CI if the CI was
13 available to participate in narcotics transactions with several of
14 defendant MENDOZA's cocaine suppliers.

15 4. On August 10, 2011, at Medina's Auto Body, defendant
16 MENDOZA took possession of the Jeep from the CI for the purpose of
17 installing a hidden compartment, and defendant MENDOZA told the CI
18 that defendant MENDOZA was paying suppliers over \$20,000 for each
19 kilogram of cocaine defendant MENDOZA purchased.

20 5. On August 25, 2011, at Medina's Auto Body, defendant
21 MENDOZA returned the Jeep, which had a newly installed hidden
22 compartment, to the CI and showed the CI how to operate the hidden
23 compartment.

24 6. On September 28, 2011, using coded language in a telephone
25 conversation, defendant MENDOZA offered to sell a kilogram of
26 cocaine to the CI.

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1 7. On September 28, 2011, at Medina's Auto Body, defendant
2 MENDOZA contacted a cocaine supplier and ordered a kilogram of
3 cocaine for the CI.

4 8. On September 28, 2011, at Medina's Auto Body, defendants
5 VALENCIA and SOTO delivered approximately 969.3 grams of cocaine to
6 the CI, which defendant MENDOZA then loaded into the hidden
7 compartment of the Jeep, and in exchange for which the CI paid
8 defendant MEDINA \$21,000 in cash.

9 9. On September 28, 2011, at Medina's Auto Body, defendant
10 MENDOZA agreed to install a hidden compartment in a Ford F-150 truck
11 (the "F-150") that the CI brought to defendant MENDOZA.

12 10. On October 24, 2011, at Medina's Auto Body, defendant
13 VALENCIA told the CI that the cocaine defendants VALENCIA and SOTO
14 had delivered on September 28, 2011 was approximately 80 grams short
15 of the amount the CI had ordered, and defendant SOTO told the CI how
16 much the cocaine weighed after defendant SOTO had repackaged it for
17 sale to the CI.

18 11. On October 24, 2011, at Medina's Auto Body, defendant
19 MENDOZA returned the F-150, which had a newly installed hidden
20 compartment, to the CI and showed the CI how to operate the hidden
21 compartment.

22 12. On November 18, 2011, at Medina's Auto Body, defendant
23 MEDINA offered to contact a drug supplier who could supply the CI
24 with kilogram-quantities of cocaine.

25 13. On November 18, 2011, at Medina's Auto Body, defendant
26 MEDINA agreed to install another hidden compartment in the Jeep for
27 the CI.

1 14. On November 21, 2011, at a residence located in Ontario,
2 California, defendant MEDINA returned the Jeep, which had a newly
3 installed hidden compartment, to the CI and showed the CI how to
4 operate the hidden compartment.

5 15. On November 21, 2011, at Medina's Auto Body, defendant
6 MENDOZA asked the CI to help defendant MENDOZA store a large
7 quantity of drugs that defendant MENDOZA was about to receive.

COUNT TWO

[21 U.S.C. § 846]

A. OBJECTS OF THE CONSPIRACY

Beginning on an unknown date, and continuing to on or about January 31, 2012, in San Bernardino County, within the Central District of California, and elsewhere, defendants PABLO MENDOZA ("MENDOZA") and ARMANDO CRUZ-GONZALEZ ("CRUZ"), and others known and unknown to the Grand Jury, conspired and agreed with each other to knowingly and intentionally (a) distribute, and (b) possess with intent to distribute, at least 50 grams of methamphetamine, a Schedule II controlled substance, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1) and 841(b)(1)(A)(viii).

B. MEANS BY WHICH THE OBJECTS OF THE CONSPIRACY WERE TO BE ACCOMPLISHED

The objects of the conspiracy were to be accomplished in substance as follows:

1. Defendant MENDOZA would broker the sale of methamphetamine to drug customers.

2. Defendant CRUZ would supply methamphetamine to defendant MENDOZA for sale to defendant MENDOZA's customers.

C. OVERT ACTS

In furtherance of the conspiracy and to accomplish the objects of the conspiracy, on or about the following dates, defendants MENDOZA and CRUZ, and others known and unknown to the Grand Jury, committed various overt acts within the Central District of California, and elsewhere, including but not limited to the following:

1 1. On January 17, 2012, defendant MENDOZA, using coded
2 language in a telephone conversation, asked a person who,
3 unbeknownst to defendant MENDOZA at the time, was an informant
4 working for the government ("CI"), whether the CI would be able to
5 sell 10 pounds of methamphetamine on behalf of one of defendant
6 MENDOZA's suppliers.

7 2. On January 30, 2012, defendant MENDOZA, using coded
8 language in a telephone conversation, offered to sell four pounds of
9 methamphetamine to the CI.

10 3. On January 31, 2012, defendant MENDOZA met the CI at an
11 auto repair shop known as Medina's Auto Body Shop in Ontario,
12 California, and instructed the CI to drive with defendant MENDOZA to
13 meet defendant MENDOZA's drug supplier at a nearby restaurant in
14 Ontario (the "restaurant").

15 4. On January 31, 2012, at the restaurant, defendant CRUZ
16 delivered approximately 863 grams of methamphetamine to the CI and
17 offered to sell more methamphetamine to the CI.

COUNT THREE

[21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1), 841(b)(1)(B)(ii); 18 U.S.C. § 2(a)]

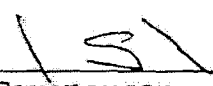
On or about September 28, 2011, in San Bernardino County, within the Central District of California, defendants PABLO MENDOZA, MARIO RAUL MEDINA, ALVARO VALENCIA, and FRANCISCO LARIOS SOTO, each intentionally aiding and abetting the other, knowingly and intentionally distributed at least 500 grams, that is, approximately 969.3 grams, of a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of cocaine, a Schedule II narcotic drug controlled substance.

COUNT FOUR

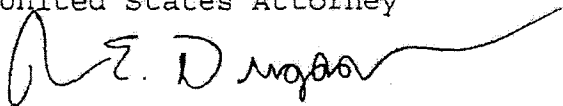
[21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1), 841(b)(1)(A)(viii); 18 U.S.C. § 2(a)]

On or about January 31, 2012, in San Bernardino County, within the Central District of California, defendants PABLO MENDOZA and ARMANDO CRUZ-GONZALEZ, each intentionally aiding and abetting the other, knowingly and intentionally distributed at least 50 grams, that is, approximately 863.9 grams, of methamphetamine, a Schedule II controlled substance.

TRUE BILL


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